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ISSUES**

1ST QUARTER REPORT

**JANUARY 1, 2001
TO
MARCH 31, 2001**

CRIME ISSUES

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COCKPIT ATTACK

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:35)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that the previous week a man wreaked havoc on a jetliner when he burst into the cockpit in mid flight. That day doctors said he was suffering from acute paranoia and was not trying to hurt anyone. The British Airways 747 was on its way to Kenya from London on Friday. The man entered the cockpit and attacked the pilots while the plane was over the Sudan. The plane took two violent nosedives before pilots were able to regain control. Now a psychiatrist in Kenya said the man felt threatened by other passengers and apparently was seeking safety in the cockpit. The plane was carrying nearly 400 passengers. No one was seriously injured.

ARENA STABBING

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported on trouble the previous night at a New Year's rave party in Downtown L.A. Three men were stabbed. Tens of thousands gathered at the L.A. Sports Arena for an all night New Year's Eve Party. The men were stabbed inside the arena at about 2:00 a.m. Paramedics took all three to local hospitals. One is said to be in serious condition. Police did not make any arrests at the scene and the party went on until at least 6 a.m.

HACKER HEARING

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that 18-year-old Dennis Moran who also called himself "Coolio" pleaded guilty that day in a New Hampshire court. Moran hacked into the LA Police Department's site "dare dot com" and defaced it with pro-drug slogans and images. Under a plea agreement, Moran would serve nine months in jail and pay a 15-thousand-dollar fine.

HOCKEY ATTACK

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:16)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a father faced assault charges for allegedly attacking his son's hockey coach. Police and witnesses said after that Friday's game the David Sullivan went ballistic and tried to beat up the high school coach. Sullivan claimed the coach had criticized his son who suffered from attention deficit disorder. He had been ordered to stay away from games and a February court date had been set.

BISHOP ATTACK

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the archbishop of New York had a bizarre New Year's Day. A man allegedly tried to hand-cuff Archbishop Edward Egan during the New Year's mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. An off-duty police officer in the congregation arrested the suspect immediately. The Archbishop was not hurt. The suspect, Timothy Byrne was said to have filed several lawsuits against the Catholic Church in the past. All of them were dismissed.

KIDNAP MOLESTATION

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:28)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Koreatown man pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges he kidnapped and sexually molested a five-year-old boy. Jong Mok Choe was accused of picking up the boy at his preschool on false pretenses, then taking the child to Griffith Park and pushing him down a ravine. Police said the child suffered minor cuts and bruises and was sexually molested. Choe allegedly demanded 30 thousand dollars ransom. Prosecutors that day re-filed an attempted murder charge that a judge dismissed the previous month.

BANK ROBBERY

JANUARY 2, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that the search was on for two bandits following a daring daylight bank heist in Van Nuys. The suspects robbed the Bank of America branch in the 65 hundred block of Van Nuys Boulevard. The robbers reportedly took off north-bound on Van Nuys Blvd in a blue minivan. The bank remained closed for the rest of the day while federal and local investigators searched for clues.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

JANUARY 5, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that panic at a San Francisco High School hit when a gun went off and injured a student. Soon after the shooting, police were out in force to secure the campus. They believed the gun went off accidentally as the alleged shooter was showing it to other students. The 15-year-old victim was shot in the hip and was in good condition that night. The suspect could be expelled automatically because the school had a zero tolerance policy on campus.

ATTEMPTED RAPE

JANUARY 8, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a man that tried to rape a woman, and instead ended up with a couple of broken bones. Investigators said the woman fought off suspect Rodney Bogans in Westlake. Several others chased him away. While trying to flee, Bogans fell own a building shaft breaking his wrist and ankle. Police found him hiding behind a nearby tree. Incidentally, the woman was not hurt. Rogan was nursing several broken bones and facing attempted rape charges.

SHOOTING TAPE

JANUARY 11, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kibrade reported that a surveillance camera caught two shooting suspects on tape. Police were using it to try and catch them. Police believed that back in November, he and another man fired into a group of people in Highland killing one person, then shot a man in Colton a half an hour later.

CARRUTH BOMBSHELL

JANUARY 13, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:28)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a major bombshell was dropped that day in the murder trial of ex-football player Rae Carruth. Carruth was on trial for allegedly planning the 1999 murder of his pregnant girlfriend. She was shot and killed but the baby survived. That day an ex-girlfriend of Curruth took the stand saying he lavished her with gifts but when she became pregnant he threatened her life. The witness also said Carruth had abusive tendencies and managed to have paternity tests fixed.

TRIPLE MURDER

JANUARY 16, 2001 8:00 P.M. TRT (00:26)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that investigators had arrested the last of four suspects in connection with a triple murder at a Rialto home. Jesse Canto was in custody charged with three counts of murder and one count of burglary. In November, three victims were found inside the home with gunshot wounds. Two were dead at the scene, a third later died at the hospital. Three other suspects, April Watson, Lester Dwayne Thomas and David Charles were also charged in the murders.

FATHER KILLED

JANUARY 20, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported on another murder mystery. Police were looking for whoever shot and killed a man inside a Los Angeles home. Neighbors heard gunfire inside a home on 78th Street that morning. When Detectives arrived, they found 37-year-old Joel Cantellan dead on the kitchen floor. Witnesses said shortly after the shooting they saw a man running from the home. Investigators believed he took off in a white minivan. Police were still looking for that man.

CABBIE HOME INVASION

JANUARY 23, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that authorities were searching for two suspects allegedly involved in a home invasion robbery. It happened in the 18 hundred block of east 63rd street in Florence overnight. Sheriff's Deputies said two men followed the 28-year-old cab driver home. The suspects then knocked on the door, tied up the cabby and made off with 45 hundred dollars in cash. The hunt for the suspects was ongoing.

GIRL KILLED

JANUARY 24, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that candles and flowers marked the spot where a 14-year-old girl died in South Central L.A. the previous day killed by gang crossfire. She and her young sister were both hit.

GIRL KILLED

JANUARY 27, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:33)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that in South Central LA a memorial went up for another young girl. She was fatally caught in crossfire. The suspects were still on the loose. Family members were grieving the loss of fourteen year old Cynthia Gonzales. She was walking with her mother and tow year old sister that Sunday when shots rang out. Witnesses said a gun-fight broke out when gang members tagged over a rival gang's graffiti. Cynthia was killed by the gunfire. A bullet grazed Cynthia's younger sister, but she was ok.

WRESTLING MURDER

JANUARY 30, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a 12-year-old was accused of body slamming his 6-year-old playmate and killing her. He was faced with murder charges as an adult. The boy said he didn't know pro-wrestling was staged. He thought he could body slam people without hurting them.

MORENO PRISON

FEBRUARY 1, 2001 12PM (TRT :26)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported a former Santa Ana City Councilman had been sentenced to nearly five years in prison. Ted Moreno's political corruption was caught on tape. Now he'll spend 4 years and nine months behind bars after being convicted on 25 counts of conspiracy to extort payoffs, mail fraud, money laundering and lying to the FBI in a scheme to collect 31,000 dollars in illegal campaign contributions.

FIRE BODIES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001 12PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported police hoped to find out more answers in the murders of an elderly West Hills couple. The bodies of 76-year-old William Lasky and his 73-year-old wife Berth were found inside their home. Firefighters made the grim discovery after putting out a blaze at the residence.

UCLA ASSUALT

FEBRUARY 9, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :43)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported a surveillance tape released by UCLA police. The person was questioned in two sexual assaults on campus last month. Police said the two victims did not identify this as their attacker, but he was videotaped near both crime scenes the day they happened. One of the women was raped in a bathroom in Schoenberg Hall the other victim survived a rape attempt in nearby Boelter Hall.

BLACKOUT CRIMES

FEBRUARY 9, 2001 9PM (TRT :37)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported there's even a darker side to the rolling blackouts. Lawmakers said criminal could take advantage of the situation and do more damage under the cover of darkness. So a bill had passed to make sure the only thing blackout victims lose are their lights. The bill would double penalties for those who committed crimes during blackouts.

DEATH ROW RELEASE

FEBRUARY 12, 2001 9PM (TRT :51)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported Earl Washington Jr. was a free man tonight. He spent nearly ten years on Virginia's Death Row, at one point he came within nine days of being executed. Washington was released after DNA test results showed he was wrongly

convicted of murder. He confessed to the 1982 rape and slaying of Rebecca Lynn Williams.

ROBBERY SUSPECT

FEBRUARY 12, 2001 10PM (TRT : 31)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that two robbers luck ran out last night at a Laguna Hills sandwich shop. The suspects were wanted in a string of robberies in Orange County. Police said they are the same suspects caught on tape robbing a sporting goods store nearly a week ago.

PARKS CRIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2001 2PM (TRT :50)

KCAL 9 Anchor David Gonzales reported the L.A. Police Department said violent crime rate is down. Police Chief Bernard Parks made the announcement at Parker Center in Downtown L.A. Park said there were fewer homicides, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults last year, than the year before. Parks said the department plans to keep working to reduce violent crime.

EXPLOSIVES ARREST

FEBRUARY 16, 2001 2PM (TRT :35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported a bomb scare at a Downey apartment building overnight. Residents were forced out into the street to allow explosives experts to move in. Downey Police received a tip the building on Nance Street contained explosives and drugs. The woman suspect inside refused to come out. Two and half-hours later, the suspect a 41-year-old Marlene Ann Huntigton finally came out and was taken into custody.

DUMPSTER BODY

FEBRUARY 19, 2001 8PM (TRT :18)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported a body of a young woman found in a dumpster. Investigators tried to unravel teh mystery surrounding her death. The body was discovered in the 2000 block of South corning Street by a resident taking out the trash. Investigators said the victim was a woman in her early 20's.

TEACHER SEX

FEBRUARY 20, 2001 2PM (TRT :35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported in Pasadena, a High School teacher was arraigned on charges that he had sex with an underage student. Tina Louis Dezerne, was a math teacher at John Muir High School. Another teacher at the school, Cyrus Javaheri was also charged with having sex with an underage student. The incidents came to light after one student went to police with her allegations.

PASADENA MURDER
FEBRUARY 20, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:35)

KCAL 9 Reporter Doug Fernandez reported on a 911 call that was a deadly discovery. Police found a woman murdered inside a home in a quiet Pasadena neighborhood.

BANK ROBBERY
FEBRUARY 21, 2001 2PM (TRT 1:23)

KCAL 9 Reporter Leanne Suter reported men in suits armed with guns stormed a Southland bank. One suspect held a gun to a bank teller's head. It happened in the morning during a violent takeover bank robbery in Riverside. One suspect was caught, but the others were on the loose.

BANKING FRAUD
FEBRUARY 21, 2001 10PM (TRT 1:38)

KCAL 9 Reporter Doug Hernandez reported customers put their trust in the wrong place. Police said customers of a so-called Inglewood bank were victims of a scam.

CHP SHOOTING
FEBRUARY 23, 2001 10PM (TRT :55)

KCAL 9 Reporter Andre Moreau reported officers wanted to pull over a driver but he hadn't given up so easily. The driver tried to speed off, but instead hit a fence then tried to run down an officer. It happened on the 5 Freeway in East L.A.

PARK MURDER
FEBRUARY 23, 2001 10PM (TRT :35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported a murder mystery in Culver City. Police wanted to know how a young Glendale woman's body ended up in a Culver City park. Her body was found last night at Bill Botts field on Jefferson Blvd. She was found partially nude and may have been sexually assaulted.

BEATINGS DEATH

FEBRUARY 23, 2001 10PM (TRT :21)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported Richard Mingus was under arrest for the murder of his parents. Ray and Pauline Mingus were found murdered in their Mission Viejo home yesterday. Police questioned their 34-year-old son and booked him on two counts of murder.

UCSB FATAL CRASH

FEBRUARY 24, 2001 9PM (TRT 2:07)

KCAL 9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported a college community was rocked by tragedy. Four people were dead while another was fighting to stay alive. The son of accomplished TV director Daniel Attias was in jail. The 18-year-old UCSB student faced charges of felony and DUI and vehicular homicide with gross negligence.

CERRITOS SHOOTING

FEBRUARY 26, 2001 9PM (TRT :55)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported investigators suspected road rage may be to blame for a deadly shooting on the 91 Freeway in Cerritos. A man was found slumped over the steering wheel, shot once in the head. Investigators were carefully going over the victim's black GMC truck in search of clues.

TEACHER ARRESTD

FEBRUARY 27, 2001 3PM (TRT :35)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported a San Clemente High School history teacher had been arrested and charged with making terrorist threats. According to the Orange County District Attorney's Office, 49-year-old Frank Gardner allegedly threatened to kill or harm his principal and school district officials. Police said they seized 3 guns inside Gardner's home.

TERRORIST ARREST

FEBRUARY 28, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:30)

KCAL 9 Reporter Laurie Shore reported the FBI had arrested seven suspected terrorists in L.A. Investigators said the suspects solicited money from travelers for humanitarian efforts, but they said the men used that money for something sinister.

TAKE OVER ROBBERY
FEBRUARY 28, 2001 12PM (TRT :20)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the manhunt was on for two masked gunman who robbed a Rite Aid drug store. The robbery happened last night in an unincorporated part of Los Angeles near Carson. Fearing the gunmen were still inside, the sheriff's special weapons team searched the store. The gunmen got away with an undisclosed amount of money.

WEDDING SCAM

MARCH 1, 2001 3:30PM (TRT:3:04)

KCAL 9 reporter David Goldstein reported that after exposing the problem last week, dozens of newlywed couples are claiming to have been victims of a wedding photography scam.

ADOPTION MOLESTER

MARCH 1, 2001 3:30PM (TRT:1:36)

KCAL 9 reporter Leanne Suter reported that Richard Allen of San Bernardino who is involved in an international custody battle is now being accused of child molestation. After paying thousands of dollars to an internet adoption agency broker, and fighting an English couple for the custody of the twin girls, Allen is accused of molesting them.

WEST HILLS REWARD

MARCH 1, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:35)

KCAL 9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that after the murder of an elderly West Hills couple, the city was outraged and offered a reward for any help in the case.

MURDER REWARD

MARCH 10, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:25)

KCAL 9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that Governor Gray Davis offered a fifty thousand dollar reward to help catch the murderer from a case that occurred last fall, in which a grandmother was brutally murdered while her 11 year old granddaughter was gagged in the next room.

BANK ROBBERS

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:21)

KCAL 9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that after three robbers held up a bank in a Sherman Oaks Supermarket, the police cordoned off a wide area in hopes of catching the bandits. No one was hurt in the holdup, but police later found the getaway van, two pistols and some cash.

DNA MURDER

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:30)

KCAL 9 reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that after almost 20 years in prison, Kenneth Waters is a free man. He has his sister and DNA evidence to thank.

RACE TRACK ASSULT

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:57)

KCAL 9 reporter Michelle Gile reported that there are new developments in the brutal attack on a Los Alamitos horse trainer. Police now believe that money was the motive. Victim, Richard Gilbert won six thousand dollars the night before the attack. Now the cash is missing.

BARRICADE SUSPECT

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:41)

KCAL 9 reported Dave Clark reported that after a day of terror in one southland neighborhood, an armed man fired a hundred shots. After his outburst, the man and his house went up in flames.

MURDER HELP

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:46)

KCAL 9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police needed help finding Marcel Mario Narro. Narro is a 22 year old Latino man, six feet and two inches tall, and about 150 pounds with a shaved head. Narro is suspected in the murder of a man in the parking lot of East L.A. College.

RAMPART PURSUIT

MARCH 15, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:20)

KCAL 9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a dangerous and erratic driver led police on a two-hour overnight pursuit. The chase hit speeds up to a hundred miles an hour. Eventually the driver ran into a sidewalk and surrendered. He told the arresting officers that he was afraid because he had a suspended license.

BARRICADE FOLO

MARCH 16, 2001 3:30 (TRT:1:44)

KCAL 9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that investigators are back at the charred remains of the Echo Park house, the site of yesterdays deadly standoff.

DRUG LAB BUST

MARCH 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT:30)

KCAL 9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that federal agents have busted what may be the largest "meth lab" in Riverside county. Federal agents found a series of underground tunnels they say were used to transport drugs. Six people were arrested.

MURDER ARREST

MARCH 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT:28)

KCAL 9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that four suspected teen gang members are in police custody today. These four young men were arrested for the shooting death of Magdalena Sandoval last year. Sandoval, a thirty-two year old woman, was hit by a stray bullet during a "drive by shooting." The four suspected gang members have been booked for murder.

OAKWOOD CRIME

MARCH 16, 2001 2:00PM (TRT:40)

KCAL 9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported that authorities in L.A. County are cracking down on gang violence. In the last 14 months there has been a 45% increase in gang related crime. The intervention plan includes a special task force targeting well established Venice gangs. Efforts will also be made to involve faith based organizations and neighborhood block clubs.

POLYGRAPH TEST

MARCH 24, 2001 9:00PM (TRT:30)

KCAL 9 anchor Dave Clark reported that more than 150 top F.B.I managers are among five hundred workers ordered to take lie detector tests. F.B.I. director Louis Freeh is also ordering a review of all sensitive investigations. Employees who refuse to take the lie detector test could be transferred, lose their security clearance, or face disciplinary action.

PLAYGROUND MURDER

MARCH 26, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:45)

KCAL 9 anchor Mia Lee reported that opening arguments began today in the murder trial of fifteen-year-old Michael Demirdjian of La Crescenta. Demirdjian is accused of the murder of thirteen-year-old Chris McCullough and fourteen-year-old Blaine Talmo. The bodies of both boys were found on then playground of a Glendale Elementary schools last July. If convicted, Demirdjian faces life in prison without the possibility of parole. His lawyer claims that he witnessed part of the attack, but did not take part.

SANTEE SHOOTING

MARCH 26, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:32)

KCAL 9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that San Diego teenager, Andy Williams, sits in the same courtroom in front of the same judge as he is being tried for murder. In an attempt to avoid harsh treatment, Williams wants to be tries as a juvenile.

GRANITE HILLS HIGH
MARCH 26, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:2:29)

KCAL 9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that as justice begins, healing continues in the latest school shooting. This time the suspect faces charges in court as the anxious students return for their first day of classes at Granite Hills High in El Cajon.

CHILD ABUSE
MARCH 27, 2001 2:00PM (TRT:50)

KCAL 9 reporter Tricia Kean-Jones reported that a southland mother and stepfather have been arrested on charges of child abuse. The couple's five-year-old girl was found locked inside a closet dresser.

CHILD ABUSE
MARCH 27 8:00PM (TRT:1:35)

KCAL 9 reporter Andre Moreau reported that a mother and stepfather accused of abusing their five-year-old child are behind bars.

LANCASTER WEAPON CHARGES
MARCH 30, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:29)

KCAL 9 reporter David Gonzalez reported that deputies found a large cache of weapons apparently belonging to an alleged whit supremacist group.

GUN BUST
MARCH 30, 2001 3:30PM (TRT:

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NINO DURDEN PLEA
MARCH 30, 2001 10:00PM (TRT:1:57)

KCAL 9 reporter David Goldstein reported that there is a "major development" in the L.A.P.D.'s Rampart Corruption Scandal. The partner of officer-turned-informant, Rafeal Perez, has struck a deal with prosecutors, agreeing to tell all. During court proceedings, Nino Druden surprised the courtroom with a "guilty" plea.

POLITICAL ISSUES

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MIDEAST PEACE

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:42)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that despite another day of violence in the Middle East, the push for peace was moving along. President Clinton had invited Palestinian authority President Yasser Arafat to the White House. The meeting was being described as a last-ditch effort to save the peace process. That process had been in trouble for months and that day there was more violence. Palestinians had been unwilling to accept U.S. guidelines without fine tuning details of the proposed agreement. Israel said it had its own reservations on the proposal but if the Palestinians accepted it, so would they. One thing both Israelis and Palestinians agreed on was it would take time for President-elect Bush to get up to speed on the situation.

CRANSTON OBIT

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Mia Lee reported that one of California's foremost Democrats died. Former Senator Alan Cranston died yesterday at his home at the age of 86. He spent 24 years in the U.S. Senate.

MIDEAST LATEST

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:29)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that there was no breakthrough on a Mid East peace agreement that night. President Clinton was trying to close a deal on a peace accord before he left office later that month. Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, returned to the White House that evening for his second meeting of the day with the President. He wanted to go over the details of the U.S. proposal for a negotiated settlement with Israel. Meanwhile, Israel was toughening its restrictions on Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza following a car bombing the previous day.

MEXICO LEGISLATURE

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that lawmakers in Mexico were doing their best to rival our recent election fiasco. Legislatures from the party of the Democratic Revolution literally came to blows with members of the institutionary party. The

violence broke out after opposing parties demanded that the new Congress appoint a different interim Governor.

ASHCROFT NOMINATION

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Civil Rights Groups were putting the heat on Democrats to oppose Senator John Ashcroft's nomination as Attorney General. Jesse Jackson and others said the Senators should abandon the tradition of supporting their colleagues. Ashcroft had drawn fire for leading a drive to defeat the nomination of a black judge to the Federal bench. But Ashcroft said he supported 23 of 26 nominations of black judges and backed several African-American causes when he was Missouri Governor.

INAUGURATION PROTEST

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:34)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Ashcroft was not the only one who would be the subject of protests. When George W. Bush was sworn in January 20th he would also meet with opposition. The Reverend Jesse Jackson announced he planned to protest Bush's election ceremonies. Jackson, along with other African American leaders said the loser won and the winner lost. They were calling for wholesale changes intake country's election laws. Jackson and the Reverend Al Sharpton were planning demonstrations in Washington and Tallahassee, Florida.

107 CONGRESS

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that it could be called a Congress divided, featuring a cast of politicians who had been there, done that and wanted to do more.

COLE SECURITY

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on disturbing charges that night about possible security lapses, the day the USS Cole was attacked. Suicide bombers blew a hole in the warship in Yemen the previous October, killing 17 sailors. Pentagon sources said several security measures were not carried out the day of the attack. Among them were a failure to brief crew members on the threat of terrorism and to warn them that small boats could serve as ideal platforms for terrorists.

NEW CONGRESS

JANUARY 6, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that groups of Senators had taken turns taking the oath of office for the 107th Congress. Most of the attention was focused on New York's new Senator, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the first presidential spouse in history to become a member of Congress.

ASHCROFT

JANUARY 9, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:33)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Bush's controversial choice for Attorney General made the rounds on Capitol Hill. John Ashcroft was seeking support from his former colleagues before he faced what could be bruising confirmation hearings the following week. Some civil rights activists opposed Ashcroft. That day, he secured support from one GOP moderate. Ashcroft also visited Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy, the Senior Democrat on the judiciary committee.

MRS. CHENEY

JANUARY 12, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:33)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that after Dick Cheney was sworn in as Vice President that month, his wife Lynne planned to get back into the working world. She would return to her job at a Washington, D.C. think tank and serve on the boards of Reader's Digest and American Express Mutual Funds. She would also rejoin the American Enterprise Institute as a resident scholar. But some said her board memberships may raise conflict of interest questions. One watchdog group noted that American Express was a very politically sensitive company. But a Bush-Cheney lawyer said the arrangement was legal and proper.

SENATE SPILT

JANUARY 15, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:40)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that Democrats and Republicans in the Senate made an unprecedented deal. They agreed to share power in committees 50-50. Senate Republicans reluctantly accepted the arrangement. It showed the political reality of the new Senate which was split straight down the middle. Republicans and Democrats would each have an equal number of seats on committees and an equal number of staff. But Republicans would head up committee chairmanships.

LINDA CHAVEZ

JANUARY 18, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:42)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that President elect George W. Bush's nominee for labor secretary was facing tough questions. Some were asking if Linda Chavez hired an illegal immigrant in the early 90's. A Bush spokesman confirmed Chavez did provide housing and financial aid to a woman from Guatemala. But that was simply an act of charity. Democrats wanted to explore the arrangement. They said it raised concerns about Chavez's qualifications to lead the labor department. Bush officials said the woman never worked for Chavez, but did receive money for living expenses. They said Chavez disclosed to them all taxes paid for domestic help.

KATHERINE HARRIS

JANUARY 21, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Florida's Secretary of State, Katherine Harris testified before a Federal panel in Tallahassee. Harris told the US Civil rights Commission she felt her office and the state's supervisors of elections carried out their duties with integrity. The panel was investigating alleged voting irregularities in Florida's November elections which helped Bush win the Presidency. Meanwhile, the head of the civil rights panel said if voters' rights were violated, the blame should fall on Florida Governor Jeb Bush, the brother of the President-elect.

ASHCROFT

JANUARY 24, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:15)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a show of support embattled Attorney General nominee John Ashcroft. Victims of violent crimes and conservative women's groups held separate news conferences. They claimed Ashcroft had never allowed his personal beliefs to override his duty to uphold the law. But California Senator Barbara Boxer saw it differently.

NEWSWEEK POLL

JANUARY 27, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that more Americans felt former Senator John Ashcroft should not become the country's new Attorney General. According to a poll, 41 percent said the senate should reject him. Only 37 percent said he was ok. Respondents who did not want Ashcroft confirmed said he was too far to the right on issues like abortion, drugs and gun control.

ASHCROFT

February 1, 2001 10pm (TRT :2:06)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the bitter fight in the US Senate is over with John Ashcroft confirmed as US Attorney.

MAYORAL DEBATE

February 7, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported on the Los Angeles mayor's race. A half dozen major candidates and others want to be mayor of LA. They are engaging in a series of debates and our Dave Bryan was the moderator at the Cal State Northridge, University debate. He tells viewers what took place.

LAPD DISCIPLINE

February 9, 2001 8pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez says there is a change in the way internal issues are handled at the LAPD. The first target is the LAPD's disciplinary system. Mayor Richard Riordan joined with police Chief Bernard Parks in announcing plans to improve the department's disciplinary system. The new guidelines will have specific penalties for every officer. It's hoped the move will help improve low moral which is being blamed for an increase in crime and a decrease in arrests.

VOTER REGISTRATION

February 10, 2001 9pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 ANCHOR Dave Clark reported that in 2 months voters will go back to the polling booths. One group hit the streets as part of a voter registration and education project. Fifty volunteers went door to door in 25 precincts to register and educate voters in the African-American community.

BUSTAMANTE N-WORD

February 13, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on a political blunder that has Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante made to a black audience has him apologizing to the African American community. Mitchell reports on the political fallout.

DEMOCRATS TAX

February 15, 2001 2pm (TRT :42)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that in response to the President's tax cut plan Democrats revealed their own proposal. They claim it targets more lower and middle-income Americans. The plan uses 2.9 trillion dollars of an expected surplus for debt reduction.

NAFTA WORKING?

February 16, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported President Bush is in Mexico in his first foreign trip as President. He met with Mexico's President Vicente Fox to talk about several issues including free trade between our two countries and whether the NAFTA agreement is working.

KID IN CAR LAW

February 16, 2001 2pm (TRT :37)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported State Senator Jackie Speier unveiled the new legislation called Kaitlyn's Law. Under the bill, people who leave children in a car unattended would face a 100 dollar fine and a point on their driving record if caught leaving their child for more than one minute.

RICH PARDON

February 19, 2001 9pm (TRT :33)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that critics aren't buying former President Clinton's explanation for pardoning fugitive Marc Rich. Clinton wrote an op-ed piece for the New York Times denying he pardoned Rich in exchange for political contributions or donations made to his library. He says he made the decision based on the merits but even fellow democrats aren't convinced.

CONDOM WAR

February 19, 2001 2pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 ANCHOR Dave Gonzales reported a ballot measure concerning condoms is pitting AIDS activists against bar owners, and the West Hollywood City Council. Measure "A" would require all businesses serving alcohol to provide free condoms to customers. Many think it is a good idea but the city council doesn't think it should be mandatory.

CHALEFF FIRING

February 20, 2001 2pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported there's growing criticism of LA Mayor Richard Riordan over the firing of the head of the Police Commission Gerald Chaleff. Now the coalition for police accountability is denouncing the move. 55 organizations belong to the group, from the ACLU to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Group members say Chaleff was fired because he was pushing too hard for police reform. The group wants the LA city council to change the city charter to allow a civilian controlled police commission.

CHIEF PARKS

February 21, 2001 10pm (TRT :27)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it's Chief Bernard Parks versus many of those wanting to be LA's next mayor. The city will get a new mayor this year and many candidates want to remove Parks. He says he is staying put but his term runs out next year.

BUSH PRESSER

February 22, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein tells us President George W Bush held his first press conference in office to declare the bombing of Iraq a success despite the less than perfect performance by US missiles.

MTA DIXON STATION

February 22, 2001 9pm (TRT :18)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported the MTA board has voted to rename the downtown subway light rail interchange for the late Southland congressman Julian Dixon. Local politicians say that is an appropriate tribute for the late congressman who was known as the voice of Los Angeles County transportation in Washington.

CAMPAIGN SIGNS

February 22, 2001 9pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the city council race in San Fernando is heating up with stolen lawn signs. Candidates, Jose Hernandez and Maribel De La Torre say more than a thousand of their lawn signs were stolen in the front of homes. De La Torre also says one of these large and expensive banners was stolen. Police have been notified of the thefts and so far, no one is in custody.

GOP CONVENTION

February 23, 2001 9pm (TRT :26)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Republicans think Governor Davis may now be vulnerable politically because of how he has handled the energy crisis. The GOP is holding its state convention in Sacramento. Party leaders say the power crisis may sink Davis despite his huge campaign war chest.

BUSH BLAIR

February 24, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair have wrapped up a get acquainted session. White House officials are calling their first meeting a success.

POLICE COMMISSIONER

February 26, 2001 9pm (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported the LA Police Commission has a new face. Mayor Richard Riordan has tapped Rebecca Avila to fill the vacancy created after he fired commission President Gerald Chaleff. Avila is the former director of the LA Ethics Commission. The five-member panel still has to chose its new president.

RECOUNT REPORT

February 26, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported Miami Herald Newspaper's results of a manual recount were in and of the 10,000 disputed votes, Al Gore would have picked up only 49 votes in Miami-Dade County. That was not enough to overcome George W. Bush.

DEMOS BUDGET

MARCH 1, 2001 9PM (TRT :43)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jerry Dunphy reported Congressional Democrats said their tax cut package is a cheaper alternative to President Bush's proposal. Details of the plan were unveiled in Washington. Democrats argue their plan was a better choice for low and middle income earners.

RICH PARDON

MARCH 2, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported investigators were tracing a half million dollars to see what role it might have played in President Clinton's pardoning of fugitive Marc Rich.

BUSH CABINET

MARCH 2, 2001 9PM (TRT :19)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported three members of President Bush's cabinet were sworn in for the second time. Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Princi took his ceremonial oath of office. Also sworn in again, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

GAY UNIONS

MARCH 2, 2001 8PM (TRT :25)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported new legislation could change the way California sees same sex couples. West Hollywood Assemblyman Paul Koretz introduced legislation that would allow gay and lesbian couples to enter into civil unions. Vermont is the only other state to recognize such unions.

DAVIS ENERGY

MARCH 5, 2001 10PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Pat Harvey reported Governor Davis said California had signed 40 long-term deals to keep the state's lights burning. The governor picked a generation station in Playa Del Rey to announce the power contracts. But he warned California wasn't out of the woods yet.

CHENEY HEART

MARCH 5, 2001 10PM (TRT 2:03)

KCAL 9 Reporter Doug Hernandez reported the Vice President was in stable condition and resting comfortably tonight. Doctors said Mr. Cheney was awake, but groggy during some of the surgery, which took only about an hour to perform. The Vice President had a history of heart problems and he called his cardiologist, and was admitted immediately to the hospital.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :45)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported campaign finance reform is winning bi-partisan support on Capitol Hill and on the streets. But Senator John McCain's latest proposal drew opposition from labor leaders. Polls show Americans favored campaign finance reform. President Bush said he's also in favor, but he's against banning individual contribution.

CARTER ELECTIONS

MARCH 26, 2001 9PM (TRT :28)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported former President Jimmy Carter had opened hearings into federal voting reform. The hearings in Atlanta were inspired by last fall's election fiasco in Florida. Carter said voting standards in the U.S. fall short of those in some developing countries.

ESTATE TAX

MARCH 27, 2001 12PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the Bush Administration might delay its plans to repeal the Estate Tax. President Bush's economic advisor reportedly said that revoking the tax would not do much to stimulate the economy. The original proposal would phase out the Estate Tax over an 8 year period.

BUSH/ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 28, 2001 12PM (TRT :55)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported some senate democrats are protesting the Bush Administration saying it tried to roll back environmental policies enacted during the last days of the Clinton presidency. Senator Joseph Lieberman said the administration should have consulted environmental activists before deciding to change the policies.

MEDIAL MARIJUANA

MARCH 28, 2001 12PM (TRT 2:03)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that it was a bid day for both supporters and opponents of medial marijuana use. The U.S. Supreme takes up the issue. The high court will review whether Our Compassionate Use Act violates federal drug laws.

HANH LIVE

MARCH 29, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:00)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported less than two weeks before the primary and the pace of campaign activity had picked up in the mayor's race. City Attorney James Hahn has worked in relative obscurity for most of his 20 years in office. First as City Controller and then as City Attorney since 1985.

SOBOROFF LIVE

MARCH 29, 2001 12PM (TRT 1:28)

KCAL 9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported voters in Los Angeles will go to the polls on April 10th to pick a new mayor as we count down to election. He interviewed Businessman Steve Soboroff, the candidate who just picked up the endorsement of Mayor Richard Riordan.

BUSH TBALL

MARCH 30, 2001 10PM (TRT :36)

KCAL 9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported President Bush opened the South Lawn for regular games of T-Ball. Bush, who used to co-own the Texas Rangers, figured it was the perfect way to get back into the game. President Bush is trying to revitalize interest in America's favorite pastime.

WOO/HAYDEN

MARCH 30, 2001 2PM (TRT 2:22)

KCAL 9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported if Hayden wins, the L.A. City Council would be the final stop in his long political career. A career that began as a student organizer and Vietnam protest Leader in the 60's. Mike Woo said his eight years out of politics had taught him some lessons he'd like to bring to the City Council as well.

EDUCATION ISSUES

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EQUADOR RIOTS

JANUARY 5, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a blast of tear gas when police tried to disperse hundreds of angry students in the streets of Quito, Ecuador. Skyrocketing fuel there prompted the rioting. Police arrested 44 protestors. The previous week, the government doubled the price of home cooking fuel and increased gas prices and bus fares 25 to 75 percent. It was part of the country's economic recovery program. Most of the labor forced lives in poverty making less than 30 dollars a month.

BELMONT MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that District Attorney Steve Cooley said the LA School board broke the law when it held a meeting on the Belmont Learning Center. The previous month, the school board met and discussed the possible completion or sale of the controversial Belmont project. But that meeting was not open to the public. Nor was there an agenda published of what was to be discussed at the meeting. LA's new District Attorney said that was in clear violation of the law. He was ordering the school board to set aside any decision made at that meeting.

SPIKED SODA

JANUARY 12, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:18)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that an Ohio student was in hot water for tainting a teacher's drink. The teacher was treated and released from a local hospital after drinking a soda. Tests were underway to determine exactly what the student put in the teacher's drink. The 14-year-old student was facing assault charges. If convicted, the student could be expelled from school and might face up to two years of confinement.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

JANUARY 15, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that good manners would soon be part of the curriculum in the Anaheim Union High School District. A board member was proposing a higher standard of classroom etiquette. She wanted students to stand up when an adult entered the room addressing them as "Sir" or Ma'am." The idea was

getting a lot of positive response, but some people said it was old-fashioned and restricts free speech. The Anaheim school board was set to discuss the new code of conduct the following week.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

JANUARY 17, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that kids were eating worse at home and you could blame the TV. They were eating better at school. A study of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders found children who watched TV while eating meals at home ate more junk food. Researchers said childhood obesity had reached an all time high. It had doubled in the last 20 years. Researchers also said school menus were getting leaner. They were offering more low-fat foods, fruits and vegetables.

UCLA RAPE

JANUARY 21, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:38)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a warning at UCLA – a rapist had attacked two women in two separate incidents, in bathrooms. The assaults happened Wednesday evening. The first took place in the women’s restroom in the music building. The suspect hid in the bathroom and assaulted the student while she was at the sink. The second attack happened less than an hour later in the women’s bathroom of Boelter Hall. She was able to persuade the man to leave without sexually assaulting her. Officers were posting flyers all over the campus and urged everyone to keep their eyes open.

SCHOOL POWERLESS

JANUARY 26, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a school in Fontana was getting an all too real lesson in what it was like to go to class in a power blackout. Four-thousand students at Fontana High were in the dark because of a self-inflicted blackout.

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO

JANUARY 28, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the dream of going to college drew thousands of African-American students to the L.A. Convention Center that weekend. It was the black college expo with colleges and student coming together to meet each other.

BUSH/BLACK HISTORY

February 9, 2001 12pm (TRT :46)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported President Bush visited a school of primarily African-American children as part of a celebration of Black History Month. The president spent part of the morning reading to a third grade class and talked to them about the importance of reading. Education Secretary Rod Paige accompanied him.

TOXIC SCHOOL BUS

February 12, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 education reporter Jay Jackson reported LAUSD district officials are speaking out about a new report that says children are breathing toxic exhaust from their buses.

EDUCATION L.A.

February 13, 2001 2pm (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that LA Mayor Richard Riordan spent the morning at an elementary school to deliver his first "Education LA" Address. The school, Lenicia B. Weemes Elementary School is in the Jefferson Park area.

SCHOOLS ADOPTED

February 13, 2001 2pm (TRT :33)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Office Depot announced a so-called adoption of nearly 50 LA Unified Schools in the San Fernando Valley. The partnership was announced at the Dixie Canyon Elementary School in Sherman Oaks. Office Depot will donate materials that are needed by the schools that the district cannot supply.

TEACHER STRIKE

February 16, 2001 3:30pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the Los Angeles teachers have overwhelmingly approved a new contract. United Teachers Los Angeles says the contract was approved by more than 80 percent of the almost 31,000 members who voted. The tentative agreement would be retroactive to July first. It includes a pay raise of 11 ½ percent and increases health benefits.

TEACHERS BUDGET

February 19, 2001 9pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported the California Teachers Association announced its top priorities. Among them, calling on the state legislature to support programs to help students in lower performing schools, more money to alleviate overcrowded schools and the launch of a statewide awareness campaign. They say, kids in lower performing schools come hungry, poorly housed and clothed and have inadequate medical care.

BUSH EDUCATION

February 20, 2001 2pm (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported President Bush and the First Lady visited a school to tout his education plan. He pledged five billion dollars over five years to promote reading. The plan would also tie federal funds to student performance and federal money would be pulled away from schools that fail national testing standards three years in a row and students would be allowed to enroll elsewhere.

ZERO TOLERANCE

February 20, 2001 12pm (TRT :21)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported the American Bar Association is criticizing zero tolerance policies in public schools. The group says such policies are too harsh. Case in point, a Georgia girl was suspended last year because of her Tweety Bird wallet with a key chain. School officials said the chain was too long violating the zero tolerance policy on weapons. The Bar says it illustrates that the zero tolerance policy is a “one size fits all” solution to problems with sometimes ridiculous outcomes.

CRENSHAW HIGH

February 21, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that students at Crenshaw High School stormed the streets to protest plans to re-name their school in honor of the late congressman Julian Dixon.

STUDENT CHEATING

February 21, 2001 9pm (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported a cheating scandal at a suburban Chicago high school. Hundreds of students in Oak Park will have to repeat an honors chemistry final because some of them cheated. Teachers think the teens found a previous year's exam.

COLLEGE AID

February 22, 2001 2pm (TRT :36)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported top state officials urged kids from lower income families in California to apply for college grants. Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante addressed an assembly of students at Inglewood High School and urged them to apply for a state grant before the March 2nd deadline.

BRAILLE CHALLENGE

February 24, 2001 9pm (TRT :260)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that students across the Southland took part in the 2nd annual Braille Challenge. Participants between the ages of six and 19 competed in Braille speed and accuracy, chart and graph reading and word search competitions. The winners in each category will go on to the national competition in San Diego in June. Officials say the event encourages visually impaired children to improve the skills necessary for them to succeed in the sighted world.

SCHOOL CAMPOUT

February 24, 2001 9pm (TRT :29)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that this was the registration day for a popular Santa Ana alternative school. Forty-five parents were lucky enough to register their children at Greenville Fundamental School after a week of braving the great outdoors where they built a tent city and camped out.

SPEECH STUDENTS

February 27, 2001 10pm (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Doug Fernandez reported that graduate students of Public Policy at Pepperdine University were asked what they thought of President Bush's speech.

LAURA BUSH/EDUCATION

February 27, 2001 10pm (TRT :35)

First Lady Laura Bush is helping the President promote his Education Plan. She spent time at a school in Little Rock, Arkansas hoping to get public support for the plan. She is a former school teacher and a major player in helping the President sell his education agenda. Bush encouraged students to choose teaching as a career.

READ ACROSS AMERICA
MARCH 1, 2001 2PM (TRT :34)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported the Superintendent Romer of L.A. schools donned the Cat in the Hat's red and white trademark to kick-off the National "Read Across America Celebration." Romer and others read to children at the First Street Elementary School in Boyle Heights.

HANG TIME
MARCH 2, 2001 9PM (TRT 1:43)

KCAL 9 Education Reporter Jay Jackson reported celebrities teamed up to deliver an important message that reading is fundamental. They took part in the 4th Annual Read Across America Program.

ARMED PRINCIPALS
MARCH 16, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported a Texas lawmaker wants school principals be allowed to carry concealed weapons on the job. She said principals would be ready to protect their students in a crazed situation.

EDUCATION
MARCH 29, 2001 12PM (TRT :23)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reported Senate Democrats offered an amendment to President Bush's proposal. They said Bush's proposed tax cut would not leave enough money to ensure that no child is left behind.

YOUTH ISSUES

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CHILD FATAL

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Southland family was trying to cope with a terrible tragedy that night, the loss of their 10-year son. He was killed instantly when he skated straight into a big rig that was making a turn. The accident happened at the intersection of Valley View Street and Trinidad Way in Buena Park.

KARATE KID

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a six-year-old had coveted first degree black belt and put him in an elite class. Nick's instructor said he was the youngest student ever promoted to a black belt.

DRUG CZAR

JANUARY 6, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:45)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the drug policy director was releasing his final report on America's drug problem that day. Barry McCaffrey said there was an explosive increase in the use of the drug ecstasy by young people and that steroid use among young people went up sharply the previous year. He said law enforcement was key. The retired general said drug use among teens was down 21 percent in the past two years and overall drug use had been cut in half. McCaffrey called the phrase "war on drugs" misleading, saying fighting drugs was more like fighting cancer where prevention, treatment and research were the best weapons.

DENTIST TRIAL

JANUARY 9, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Pasadena dentist would stand trial after being accused of over-sedating 40 of her young patients, including a 16-year-old girl who suffered brain damage. A judge ruled Druziel Ford would be tried on 49 counts, including felony child endangerment and misdemeanor charges of unprofessional conduct. The judge dismissed 15 other counts. Ford was scheduled to make an appearance in criminal court on January 19th.

MAILBOX BOMB

JANUARY 10, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that child's play went too far in Mission Viejo. A neighborhood was forced to evacuate that day after someone discovered a suspicious device inside a mailbox. The Orange County Sheriff's bomb squad was called in and determined it was a mail bomb. A Sheriff's robot safely detonated the device. Investigators said the neighborhood children were responsible for the random act.

PROFANE DOLL

JANUARY 13, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:26)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Florida woman got the shock of her life over the language coming from her daughter's doll. Robin Hermida said the doll started to blurt out the "f" word while her daughter played with her new toy. She then discovered the work printed all over the dolls dress. The mother was suing the store and the manufacturer for alleged negligence.

HIT AND RUN

JANUARY 17, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that three girls were injured, apparent victims of a hit and run accident in Sun Valley. Police said the girls were in the parking lot of a motel when a car struck another and tried to hurry away. The ten-year-old girl was in serious condition. The others had more minor injuries. The female Hispanic driver and two male Hispanic passengers all fled in the car. The car was later found and one person, a possible passenger, was being questioned by police.

BOY KILLED

JANUARY 21, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a young boy was run over and killed. The six-year-old youngster was riding along when a trash truck struck him as the driver was backing out of an alley along 11th Street. Investigators were still looking into the cause of the accident. The driver of the trash truck had not been arrested or cited.

TWINS MURDER

JANUARY 25, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on sentencing that day for an Inglewood man convicted of killing twin sisters. 19-year-old Richard Allen shot and killed 15-year-old twins, Tara and Terassa Butler, in May 1999 allegedly because one of them would

not go to a Prom party with him. Washington plea-bargained. He got life in prison without the possibility of parole.

TWICE ADOPTED

JANUARY 28, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:32)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that twin girls who were twice sold on the internet had been taken into protective custody while authorities sorted things out. That was the case of six-month-old Belinda and Kimberly. They were sold to a San Bernardino couple through an internet adoption agency. Then, allegedly stolen by their birth mother Tranda Wecker who re-sold them to an English couple. Social Service authorities took them into custody that day while it was determined if any laws had been broken.

DEANZA SUSPECT

February 1, 2001 2pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a 19-year-old San Jose student could face 108 years in prison for planning a Columbine copycat massacre. Authorities say Al Deguzman faces 122 criminal charges for assembling an arsenal of guns and explosives at his home that he planned to use in a bloodbath at Deanza Community college in Cupertino.

CIGARETTE STING

February 5, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 education reporter Jay Jackson reported on a citywide crackdown on businesses that sell tobacco to minors. Young people are lucrative targets and despite fines and licensing revocations, some local stores have not stopped selling cigarettes to minors.

PROP 21 FOLO

February 8, 2001 8pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the battle over Prop 21 is heating in San Diego County. A San Diego district Attorney is deciding whether to appeal a decision overturning the tough new juvenile crime law. A California court of appeal struck down a key portion of the measure. It ruled prosecutors should not be able to decide unilaterally if teens facing serious charges should be tried as adults for their crimes. California voters overwhelmingly passed Prop 21 in March of 2000.

PIT BULL ATTACK

February 9, 2001 8pm (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a young Paramount boy is recovering from a terrifying attack by two pit bulls. He says he is convinced the vicious dogs were out to kill him.

SCOOTER BOY

February 8, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that a scooter accident left an 11-year-old boy hospitalized for a month. The Paramount boy is on the road to recovery and finally on his way home.

WEB SAFETY KIDS

February 21, 2001 2pm (TRT :48)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that in an effort to keep kids safe online, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has joined forces with COMPAQ Computers. They are launching a new internet safety initiative called

“Netsmartz Workshop”. It’s purpose is to create a new generation of web-savvy kids who are less vulnerable to online victimization.

MISSING GIRL

February 21, 2001 12pm (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that an Alhambra teen missing since Friday has been found. Sarah Lofthouse turned up last night in Dayton, Ohio after she called Alhambra police saying she wanted to come home. Dayton police found the 15-year-old at a pay phone and placed her in the custody of Ohio juvenile authorities. Lofthouse disappeared after apparently accessing a web site dealing with witchcraft prompting speculation that she was lured out of state by someone she was in contact with over the internet.

DRAG RACING DEATH

February 21, 2001 8pm (TRT :27)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a tragic end to a dangerous road game in South Florida. A teenage girl is dead and three others are fighting for their lives after their car crashed during a drag race. Witnesses say the four teens, between the ages of 14 and 18, were riding in a car that was racing another vehicle. The driver lost control and slammed into a tree.

CELLPHONES KIDS

February 22, 2001 12pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a recent study suggests cell phone radiation negatively effects a child’s nervous system and some doctors are advising you say no to teens who want won. No recent studies did not find a link between cell phones and cancer, the research did not look at long time use among children.

BILINGUAL 911

February 23, 2001 2pm (TRT :22)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported a bilingual 11-year-old boy helped save his little brother’s life. He translated a 911 operator’s CPR instructions for his mother who speaks Spanish. His little brother, Jose is doing fine...thanks to big brother Daniel.

H.S. STABBING

February 23, 2001 9pm (TRT :17)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that what began as a fight at Narbonne High School in Harbor City turned into a stabbing. Two students began fighting when a third student stepped in and stabbed one of the fighters. No one knew who the stranger was or why he stepped in with the knife. The wounded student was treated and sent home.

TEEN THREAT/BUSH

February 23, 2001 9pm (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a 14-year-old high school freshman has admitted sending President Bush a threatening e-mail. The message began with "I'm looking for you and I'm going to kill you." The e-mail was tracked down to a Marion, Ohio youth who was taken into custody.

TEEN THREATS

February 24, 2001 9pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported a 16-year-old boy is in custody after allegedly terrorizing a Rosemead neighborhood. Police say the teen threatened to blow up the Don Bosco Technical Institute. Neighbors were evacuated after the boy posted the threats on the internet, detailing where the bombs would be set off. Sheriff's deputies used the web site to conduct a search of the campus, but found nothing. The boy will likely be charged with making terrorists threats.

JAILED TEENS

February 25, 2001 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that some Southland teens are proving that art can happen anywhere, even behind bars. The unusual suspects theatre company presented a murder mystery called "The Eggs Weren't Mentioned 'Til The End". Professionals in the arts work with the at-risk offenders for three month sessions to help them write and perform.

ANTI-TOBACCO GOSPEL

February 25, 2001 9pm (TRT :18)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that some talented teens took their anti-tobacco message to a Southland church. The 88-member "Voice of Gospel" youth choir performed at the First AME Church in Los Angeles. Their hope was to decry the ills of tobacco and the targeting of African-Americans by the tobacco industry.

TODDLER HIT

February 26, 2001 10pm (TRT :16)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported a little toddler is in grave condition after being hit by a car in Mission Viejo. Investigators say the 18-month-old boy was walking along the street with his father when he broke away from him. Seconds later a woman in a Jeep Cherokee turned into a parking area and ran over the little boy. The youngster was rushed into surgery at Mission Hospital but doctors fear he will not make it.

11-YEAR-OLD PROSTITUTE

February 27, 2001 12pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported an 11-year-old girl is back home in Oregon after police rescued her from a horrific ordeal, days of forced prostitution. Police picked up the girl in Vancouver after they spotted her and started asking questions. They say two men and a woman lured the girl from a Portland Mall a week before and kidnapped her to Canada. The suspects held the girl hostage while she was assaulted, drugged and forced to work 12-hour shifts as a prostitute. The suspects face charges of abduction, assault and sexual interference with a minor.

SMART TODDLER

February 27, 3:30pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported a 3-year-old girl is a hero. She remembered to buckle-up and reminded her father to do the same. During the ride the father lost control of his car and flipped over. No one was seriously hurt because they were wearing their seat belts. The father says it's proof that some of the wisest things come from the "mouths of babes".

SCHOOL SHOOTING

MARCH 5, 2001 9PM (TRT :55)

KCAL 9 Reporter Sandra Mitchell reported a boy's classmate claimed he joked about coming to school and shooting people. But it wasn't a joke. Police said the 15-year-old boy opened fire at a high school in the San Diego community of Santee. He killed two and wounded 13 others.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

MARCH 5, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that we were learning more about the suspect the minute. Investigators have just finished searching the apartment he shared with his divorced father. The carted away a computer and several crates of papers. During the shooting, she said the suspect reloaded his weapon at least four times and fired more than 30 shots.

PREZ WHIZ KID

MARCH 6, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a 5-year-old whiz kid named all 43 presidents and knew interesting facts about each one. Stephen Zelin's teacher even created a game called "Stump Stephen" so fellow classmates can learn from this presidential prodigy.

ROBOT COMPETITION

MARCH 16, 2001 12PM (TRT :40)

KCAL 9 Anchor Doug Hernandez reported 2,000 Southland youngsters are involved in a competition sponsored by NASA. They were building robots with the help of JPL engineers. High school students worked in teams to build the robots. 49 robots will be put through their paces at the L.A. sports arena during the next two days.

FIRST LADY

MARCH 23, 2001 3:30PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that First Lady Laura Bush spoke out about school shootings. She said parents must take the time to talk to their children and more important, listen to them. She also said the media is partly to blame.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
MARCH 24, 2001 9PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that some Southland kids got a jump on their future by joining an organization called junior achievement. The purpose of the program was to teach kids how to become leaders. They also learn other skills they'll be able to use to become successful in the business world.

THIRD GRAD HERO
MARCH 27, 2001 2PM (TRT :46)

KCAL 9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported and Ohio third generation was proof that heroes came in all shapes and sizes. Kelsey Penfield swallowed her pen cap and her friend Elizabeth Muirhead jumped into action. Three weeks ago, the girls learned about the Heimlich Maneuver in class.

SCHOOL VANDALS
MARCH 29, 2001 10PM (TRT :33)

KCAL 9 Reporter Jamie Garza reported vandals trashed several classrooms at a Pacoima Elementary School. The destruction at Montague Charter Academy was estimated in the thousands of dollars.

SCHOOL VANDALIZED
MARCH 30, 2001 10PM (TRT :30)

KCAL 9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported two 14-year-olds were in custody tonight charged with vandalizing and elementary school in Pacoima. Yesterday, teachers, parents, and students joined in to clean up the thousands of dollars in damage at the Montague Charter Academy.

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JAPANESE NEW YEAR

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Andre Moreau reported that in Downtown Los Angeles, a little New Year was being celebrated Japanese style. The first three days of the year are traditionally the time Japanese people made a fresh start. Part of the time was spent in prayer and also getting together with friends to share good food. At the New Otani Hotel, a variety of traditional foods were offered to get the New Year off to a good start. In Japan, new year celebrating started that day not on New Year's Eve and the traditional drink was to a spiced rice wine.

POPE HEALTH

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:19)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Andre Moreau reported that thousands gathered in Vatican City that day to hear the Pope's prayers for the New Year. The Pontiff had expressed concern for others all over the world, even as his own health continued to fail.

TRUSTEE DIES

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that a Palmdale Government Official died that day in a freak accident at his home. 52-year-old Wayne Woodhall was working on his car in the driveway, when it fell on him. Woodhall was discovered by his wife and son after they hadn't heard from him for some time. Woodhall was a trustee with Antelope Valley Community College. He was also an Engineer and Teacher.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that the holiday season was winding down and it was time to return home following the next few days. Tens of thousands of passengers would be passing through LAX. Many were returning to parts of the country buried in snow.

NEW YEAR BABY

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Mia Lee reported that the first baby born in Los Angeles in the New Year was doing just fine that night. Anna-Lisa Cruz was born that morning at 12:23 at Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills. The baby girl weighed in at six pounds, ten ounces and was the third child for her parents, Peter and Hilda. Annalisa's due date was actually January 25th but she was apparently ready to enter the world much earlier.

DOGGIE TRICKS

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Andre Moreau reported that finally that night, hundreds of dogs and their owners spent the first day of the New Year working out. They took part in some agility exercises at the Pomona fairgrounds. Dogs of all sizes showed what they were made of on the agility course. They jumped over hurdles and ran over ramps. They buzzed their way through tunnels. Owners said it was a great way to spend quality time with their pets. The dogs seemed to really enjoy it.

VIEWING PARADES

JANUARY 1, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:17)

KCAL 9 NEWS reporter Mia Lee reported that if you didn't get to see that day's parade in person or could not catch it on television, you would still have time to see those spectacular floats. They were on display for public viewing at Washington and Sierra Madre Avenues in Pasadena.

OC DOG PARK

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:31)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that residents of Huntington Beach were learning one man's best friend could be another man's nuisance. Central Park in Huntington Beach had a section just for dogs. It was a place where dogs could run free. But neighbors said all that dog play and barking was too loud. They had filed eight million dollars in claims against the city for emotional distress. Searching for a compromise, city staff members were holding a public hearing on the dog park a week later. They would recommend the park open at 7 a.m. instead of 5 am.

FLOAT VIEW

JANUARY 2, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:30)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Pat Harvey reported that the big show would be over but those famous floats that made up the rose parade were still on display. If you missed the parade, you could still see the floats for a limited time. They were on display at Washington and Sierra Madre Streets in Pasadena. One tourist traveled from Spain to see the floats.

NEW DRIVING LAWS

JANUARY 2, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:12)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the New Year was bringing some new laws that drivers as well as pedestrians needed to know about. Among them, a new testing requirement for drivers of someone they knew called them a safety risk.

BLOOD DONORS

JANUARY 3, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:32)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that several local hospitals launched their annual blood drive, urging people to donate. L.A. Police Chief Bernard Sparks gave his blood at a Burbank hospital. So did the President of a local Harley Davidson Club. A blood shortage existed in Southern California where only three percent of eligible donors gave blood.

LAPD HOMICIDE RATES

JANUARY 6, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:22)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the number of homicides in the city of Los Angeles was up almost 28 percent in the year 2000. The LAPD had just released their year-end figures. They showed 545 people were killed in the city the previous year. A majority of the victims were black or Latino men. Most of their killers were between the ages of 14 and 24. Officials said high-powered weapons, fewer youth programs in the inner city, and a smaller police force contributed to the increase in homicides.

RAINBOW STICKERS

JANUARY 7, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:32)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that when traverse city employees put rainbow stickers on their vehicles many city residents were outraged. City leaders said weren't aware that the rainbow stickers could be misinterpreted. Some people felt the

stickers promoted gay and lesbian lifestyles and were offended. The City Attorney said he got dozens of letters demanding that the stickers be removed.

LAPD HOMICIDE RATES

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AUTO SHOW

JANUARY 10, 2001 2:00 P.M. TRT (00:13)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the 2001 LA Auto show was under way and it had just about every car imaginable under one roof.

JURY DUTY

JANUARY 12, 2001 12:00 P.M. TRT (00:29)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that just when you thought the millennium bug had been squashed, there was sword that one problem had made it to two-thousand one. In Portland, Oregon three-thousand letters were sent out asking people to appear for jury duty in 1901. For the most part everyone seemed to make the mistake in stride. The letters were printed by the County and the state had warned them if they didn't type in the year as a four number code, the printouts would be wrong.

GEORGE MAGAZINE

JANUARY 15, 2001 10:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Political/Lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy, Jr. would be going out of business. "George" magazine would put out its final issue in March as a special tribute to Kennedy who died in a plane crash in the summer of 99. A French company continued to publish the magazine after Kennedy's death, actually increasing circulation by 25 percent but advertising fell by 40 percent with Kennedy gone. Without the son of a President at the top George just wasn't the same.

TOUR BY FOOT

JANUARY 17, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:23)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that an ex-marine decided to take a cross-country hike to see what America was really like, close up. 490 days ago, Jason Jamar and his trusty companion "B.J." set out from San Diego to cross the country to see what made this country tick. Four thousand miles later, he wasn't disappointed. Jamar said he was grateful to all the people who invited him into their homes, and all the kindness he received from so many strangers.

WALSTON FUNERAL

JANUARY 20, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:25)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported that family and friends of Ray Walston attended funeral services for the late actor. Several actors from the TV show "Picket Fences" attended the Westwood service. In 1995 and 1996 Walston took home Emmys for his role as Judge Henry Bone in that show. Walston died on Monday in his Beverly Hills home of natural causes.

ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 23, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:20)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Armenians in Southern California were celebrating Christmas. Many Armenians believed Christ was born January 6th. That was the date that was observed by Christians until the late fifth century, when December 25th was selected as the new date for Christmas. Many Armenian churches held ceremonies that day including the Montebello Holy Cross Cathedral.

HOLY DOOR

JANUARY 25, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:15)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that another Catholic Jubilee year was over that night. Pope John Paul the Second closed the doors to Saint Peter's Basilica, to mark the end of the Holy year that began December 1999 and attracted 25 million people to Rome. The Jubilee happened every quarter century. Its purpose was to provide a time of spiritual renewal and atonement for Roman Catholics.

STOLEN BIKE

JANUARY 27, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:16)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a West Covina man who suffered from Cerebral Palsy was suffering from a broken heart. 40-year-old Todd Muncie's

bicycle was stolen on Friday from a friend's driveway. Muncie was an avid cyclist and had racked more than 65 thousand miles on his bike riding around the city.

ANIMAL SHELTERS

JANUARY 30, 2001 9:00 P.M. TRT (00:24)

KCAL 9 NEWS anchor Dave Gonzales reported on good news for pet owners who may have needed to look for their animals in case they got lost. The animal shelters in the city of Los Angeles were open on Sundays from noon to four. It was a push to save the lives of more animals by getting them adopted. The shelters were only closed on Mondays. However they would respond to emergencies 24 hours a day.

104 YR OLD MAN

February 5, 2001 12pm (TRT :51)

KCAL9 ANCHOR Dave Gonzales reported that one Southland resident has seen the arrival of two centuries and wants to make sure he's around to see as much of this century as he can. Andrew Brown just turned 104 years young.

LOCAL UNITY

February 11, 2001 9pm (TRT :23)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported the Los Angeles Jewish community held an Israeli unity rally. Rabbi Marvin Hier, the dean and found of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, addressed dozens of people gathered to showcase support for the Jewish community in Israel.

CANDLELIGHT WALK

February 17, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Tricia Kean reported that a year ago tragedy hit the community of Santa Clarita. Four people, including three high school students were killed in a horrible traffic accident. Those victims were remembered during a special candlelight walk.

MARROW YARSALE

February 17, 2001 9pm (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Emily Buelow is one little girl with a lot of friends. The 7 year-old suffers from Leukemia and is in the hospital recovering from a bone marrow transplant. So her friends all chipped in to help their pal by holding garage sales to raise money.

GOSPEL WORKSHOP

February 18, 2001 9pm (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported Black History Month is a time to honor the achievements of African-Americans. It was a special day celebrated with a gospel workshop. Hundreds packed the Brookins Community AME Church in LA to honor pioneers in Gospel Music. Billy Preston, Little Richard, Lou Rawls, Rose and Freddie Stone were among the honorees

RIDE TO REMEMBER

February 18, 2001 9pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported hundreds cyclists gather to honor fallen Sheriff's Deputies in the First annual Ride to Remember. The cyclists rode through obstacle courses and competed in an eight and a half-mile race. They raised money for a special program in the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 19, 2001 10pm (TRT :39)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that President's Day was a three-day weekend for some and for many a trip to the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda was in order. Visitors got to shake hands with some presidents of the past and express their own views of the day was all about.

HOMELESS MARCH

February 19, 2001 9pm (TRT :24)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported the push for dignity was at the heart of a march in Los Angeles. It was called a "March for Human Dignity" and held to draw attention to the need to provide clean clothing to needy residents.

CARDINALS/POPE

February 22, 2001 2pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported Pope John Paul II elevated 44 new cardinals at the Vatican. The ceremony was held in St. Peter's Square and brings the College of Cardinals to a record 183. 135 are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote for the next Pope. They come from 27 different countries.

BUFFALO SOLDIERS

February 23, 2001 9pm (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a group calling itself the "New Buffalo Soldiers" was honored as they spoke about the role they played in American Military History. They were an African-American Cavalry unit created just after the Civil War.

LAPD QUOTAS

February 23, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported on rumors of a quota system for traffic tickets. Some LA police officers say it's true. The LAPD union has filed a claim against the city of Los Angeles.

GOLD STAR AWARDS

February 25, 2001 9pm (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that reserve sheriff's deputies from around the state were honored for their contributions to the community at the 1st annual Gold Star Awards Dinner and fundraiser. Along with the reservists honorees included KCAL9 President and General Manager Don Corsini and Clippers Basketball Team owner Don Sterling.

POLICE COMMISSIONER

February 26, 2001 9pm (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported the Los Angeles Police Commission has a new President. Mayor Richard Riordan has named Rebecca Avila to fill the vacancy created after he fired commission President Gerald Chaleff. Avila is the former director of the LA Ethics Commission.

OLVERA MARDI GRAS

February 27, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 and KABC radio's Mario Martinolli takes viewers to Olvera Street in Los Angeles for a New Orleans style Mardi Gras celebration.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD ANNIVERSARY

February 28, 2001 12pm (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that this was the 4th anniversary of the North Hollywood Bank shootout. Dozens of police officers tracked down and killed two heavily armed bank robbers in the face of automatic weapons fire. The gunmen stormed a Bank of America branch near Laurel Canyon and Victory Boulevards the morning of February 28, 1997. Dozens of officers were injured and the gunmen were killed.

BEVERLY HILLS FIRE

February 28, 2001 12pm (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on the day after a fire gutted a Beverly Hills business structure. Fire inspectors still didn't know what started the fire. Meanwhile, business owners in the community are offering a helping hand to displaced workers.

RED CROSS

February 28, 2001 10pm (TRT :15)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Red Cross is taking donations to help earthquake victims in the Northwest. To make a donation to the Red Cross disaster response fund call 1-800-257-7575. The agency has already deployed five members of its quick response team to the Seattle area.

POTHOLE PATROL

March 2, 2001 3:30 PM (TRT :43)

KCAL 9 Anchor Mia Lee reported the break in the Los Angeles City workers a few days to get out and fix as many potholes as they can before the next rain would hit. The previous storms had created lots of potholes. And the pothole patrol was working overtime and planned to fill 75 holes.

FREEWAY 911 DEATH

March 2, 2001 10 PM (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Reporter Doug Fernandez reported a woman's last words heard on a frantic 911 tape.

LA MARATHON

March 5, 2001 3:30 PM (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 Reporter Laurie Shore reported on the 16th Annual Los Angeles Marathon. Which sends runners pounded the pavement for more than 26 miles of city streets.

POLICE COMMISSION

March 6, 2001 2 PM (TRT :25)

KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reported on the Rampart Scandal. Police Chief Bernard Parks had denied any wrongdoing in the Rampart Investigation.

LAX EXPANSION

March 10, 2001 9 PM (TRT :46)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported on a group of Southland communities pulling together to fight the expansion of LAX and the buyout of their homes. Residents in Westchester and Inglewood had made their voices heard at a meeting. They were upset because homes in the Manchester square neighborhood are being bought out to expand LAX.

NEIGHBORS V. CHURCH

March 10, 2001 9 PM (TRT :41)

KCAL9 Anchor Dilva Henry reported on a battle mounting in the community of Mount Washington. It was a fight that was pitting residents against the congregation of a church.

BABY CAN'T WAIT

March 1, 2001 2 PM (TRT :25)

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzalez reported on a newborn opted for a roadside delivery. Even though driving on route to Presbyterian Medical Center, the baby just couldn't wait to get out.

PITBULL ATTACK

March 2, 2001 10 PM (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on four dogs were on a vicious attack in Monterey Park neighborhood. There were also four victims mauled.

CONDOM VOTE

March 7, 2001 3:30 PM (TRT :13)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported on the West Hollywood voters that went to the polls to decide on a controversial condom initiative. If bars and nightclubs would be required to hand out free condoms to customers or not. Business owners were fighting it. And they said it's outrageous to force condoms and safe sex literature on their customers.

HOMELESS SURVIVOR

March 16, 2001 10 PM (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 Anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the struggle of homeless people. And how it's not a game but being a true survivor. The Inland Empire Radio Station had plans to copy cat the hit tv show "Survivor" but starring homeless people.

INTERNET ACCESS

March 12, 2001 9 PM (TRT : 50)

KCAL9 Reporter Alan Mendelson reported on accessing internet for a price.

POW WOW

March 16, 2001 2 PM (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 Reporter Gina London reported on thousands of Native Americans have gathered for a huge "Pow Wow." It's a colorful celebration of Indian life being held in Denver.

ASPEN CRASH

March 30, 2001 10pm (TRT 6:20)

KCAL9 reporters Andre Moreau, Doug Fernandez and Sandra Mitchell reported in Team Coverage on the Aspen air Crash as well as on the Southland crash victims and their families.

SLUMLORD

March 16, 2001 2pm (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reports on some Long Beach tenants who accuse the owner of their apartment building of being a slumlord. Fire inspectors came out to look at the property and reported on the conditions.

60 FWY HERO

March 16, 2001 3:30pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a Good Samaritan came to the rescue of a victim of a serious accident westbound on the Pomona freeway.

PATRICK'S PARADE

March 16, 2001 3:30pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that in honor of Saint Patrick's day firefighters and police officer hosted a parade through the streets of Downtown Los Angeles.

LAPD COUNCIL

March 16, 2001 2pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported LAPD officers are asking to be allowed to work a shortened schedule of 10 hour shifts in 4 days. The department says no, he police union says yes so a third party is being brought in to help settle the dispute.

SWEET ALICE

March 16, 2001 2pm (TRT :44)

KCAL9 anchor Doug Fernandez reported that Watts based organization committed to helping disadvantaged kids and founder Sweet Alice Harris was given a special salute during a live radio broadcast of "The Steve Harvey Morning Show".

RESCUER HONORED

March 23, 2001 3:30pm (TRT :21)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a Street Sweeper Machine Operator is being called a hero for rescuing a woman from a burning motor home. Richard Stancil was honored by the City of Los Angeles for his bravery.

LAX EXPANSION

March 24, 2001 9pm (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that dozens of residents came together to learn more about the proposed expansion of LAX. Town Hall meetings were held in Los Angeles and Inglewood were hosted by Congresswoman Maxine Waters to discuss the ramifications of the expansion.

CELEBRITY BASKETBALL

March 24, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that celebrity basketball players got together today in support of an inner-city boys and girls club that changes lives.

ACADEMY AWARDS

March 25, 2001 9pm (TRT 5:00)

KCAL9 reporters Cary Berglund and Sue Breeding reported live from the biggest night of the year for the Hollywood entertainment community. Coverage includes the awards and the Hollywood parties.

FIRST BLACK ASTRONAUT

March 25, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:36)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported on a man who made history visiting the Southland. Bernard Harris, a space pioneer, was the first African-American to walk in space.

RITCHIE VALENS

March 25, 2001 9pm (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the Ritchie Valens Fan Club gathered in his hometown of Pacoima to celebrate his induction into the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame.

NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

March 26, 2001 12pm (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a new animal shelter opened in South Los Angeles. The eight million dollar facility replaces a building built in the 1920's. The shelter will house 300 animals and will help relieve shelter overcrowding.

MINORITY OSCAR

March 26, 2001 3:30pm (TRT 3:00)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell and KABC radio host Larry Elder open up the phone and internet lines for a discussion on the lack of minorities among the Oscar nominees and winners.

PARKS SUPPORT

March 27, 2001 2pm (TRT :41)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that members of "Black United Fund" were behind a rally in South Central Los Angeles in support of LAPD Chief Bernard Parks who has been the subject of criticism.

LAPD PROFILING

March 28, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a Miami surgeon has filed a lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles and the LAPD. The surgeon says he is no longer able to perform surgery because of injuries he suffered when arrested in what he believes is a case of racial profiling. The LAPD Rampart officers who stopped him say they had a legitimate reason for stopping him.

GUN BUYBACK

March 29, 2001 9pm (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that in an effort to get assault weapons off the streets Assemblyman Paul Koretz introduced bill AB 566 that would pay a hundred dollars for every assault weapon turned in to a police or sheriff's station. He has the backing of Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

SPAGO CLOSES

March 29, 2001 9pm (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 and KABC radio's host of the "Restaurant Show" reports that Spago, the Hollywood Landmark is closing its doors on the Sunset Strip. The Hollywood elite showed up to help owner Wolfgang Puck go out in style.

CAESAR CHAVEZ

March 30, 2001 10pm (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that a celebration for the first ever state holiday honoring Caesar Chavez took place in Los Angeles. Labor leaders, civil rights activists and students across the Southland paid tribute to the founder of the United Farm Workers.

CENSUS POPULATION

March 30, 2001 3:30pm (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that new figures from the 2000 census are in and for the first time no one racial or ethnic group forms a majority in the state of California. Latinos now make up 29 percent of the populations, Asians, 11 percent, African Americans, 6 percent and Whites, 47 percent. The new figures also show how American families are changing.

BILIE HOLIDAY

March 31, 2001 9pm (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday was an original in the history of music, not only for being loved for her singing, but also for the many tragedies in her life and in her death. A new play will hit the stage in Los Angeles celebrating what would have been "Lady Day's" 86th birthday.